

# **Chevy Chase Village Neighborhood Conservation Initiative**

## ***Public Meetings Schedule***

Chevy Chase Village is currently in the process of developing a “Neighborhood Conservation Plan” that addresses community character. As a part of the process, a series of meeting including a community workshop and two (2) “open houses” will be held to involve residents and to hear your opinions.

Chevy Chase Village was established with a pioneering vision as a community with a distinct identity and strong sense of neighborhood. Our streets remain walkable, with a consistent sense of scale. A balance of building mass and open space offers canopied streetscapes in a mature urban setting. Today, trends in new construction may affect this distinctive character.

A variety of responses may be appropriate. Refining existing zoning standards or adopting design guidelines are possible actions. The key is to craft a neighborhood conservation strategy that best fits the community. An approach to neighborhood conservation will be developed as a “Strategy Paper,” which will be presented to the Village Board of Managers at its regular meeting on June 11. A preliminary report will be provided to the Board via video conference at its May 14 regular meeting. Implementation of the strategy may involve additional community meetings as actual tools are developed.

Assisting the Village in this process is *Winter & Company*, an urban design firm that specializes in community character studies.

During the days of Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18, and evening of Monday, April 16, Village residents are invited to participate in a variety of meetings in which all residents will have the opportunity to communicate your concerns. Below please find a schedule of events:

### **Monday, April 16, 2007**

#### **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Village Annual Meeting**

- Introduction
- *Winter & Company* to present an overview of project to the Board of Managers and Village residents
- Extend invitation to attend meetings and workshops to all Village residents

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## **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

### **9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Open House**

This is the first meeting for the consultant team to meet with residents who wish to discuss issues related to the Village's character. This is an opportunity for Village resident to identify key issues or specific concerns in advance of the community workshop scheduled for the evening. A questionnaire will be provided which residents will be encouraged to record their suggestions. (Residents may also email their responses to this questionnaire until May 3, 2007.)

### **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Community Workshop**

The consultant team will begin with a short presentation that describes the project and introduces key design concepts and tools that may be used. Residents will be asked describe key features of the Village that they value and identify issues related to recent development trends. Residents will be asked to engage in a series of hands-on exercises to record their personal thoughts and work as teams to discuss these issues. During the community workshop, the consultant team will discuss and review its computer modeling images of the existing conditions and current trends with all in attendance.

## **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**

### **9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Open House**

This is a repeat opportunity for residents to meet with the consultant team and to convey their ideas related to preserving the Village's character. This is an opportunity to identify key issues or specific concerns, especially for those who are unable to attend the preceding community workshop. A questionnaire will be provided which participants may use to record their ideas. No formal presentation or organized exercises will occur. (Residents may also email their responses to this questionnaire until May 3, 2007.)

Open House sessions will be informal, drop-in events; No formal presentation will occur. Residents will be asked to complete a short survey. Residents will be able to pose questions to the consultant team. The Open Houses are opportunities to identify and discuss special issues.

The Community Workshop will be more structured with "exercises" used to guide discussions and collect information. The workshop will be organized at three levels of discussion:

- a. Individual response sheets
- b. Team/table discussions
- c. Plenary Q&A

Summaries of both open houses and the workshop findings will be available on the Village's website at [www.ccvillage.org](http://www.ccvillage.org).

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